

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2019
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2001
DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSIDISED FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Governments have failed to distribute foodgrains to the people living below the poverty line, which are supplied to them at highly subsidised prices by the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the foodgrains allotted to States especially in Bihar for distribution to the people living below poverty line have been freely sold in the open markets;
- (d) whether the Union Government are aware of this fact;
- (e) whether the Government propose to investigate the matter and take further action in the matter; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon to stop this sale?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) &(b): The lifting of foodgrains and its distribution under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) depends on several factors such as parity between the issue prices of foodgrains under TPDS and the open market prices, availability of foodgrains in the open market, purchasing power of the consumers belonging to the BPL category, eating habits, etc. The State-wise details of the quantities of foodgrains (rice and wheat) allotted for the families living Below Poverty Line (BPL), quantities lifted and the percentage of lifting during 2000-2001 are given in the Annexure.

(c), (d), (e) & (f): A complaint was received from Shri Ram Chander Paswan, Member of Parliament (MP) from Lok Sabha, regarding black marketing of foodgrains allotted for BPL families in Birol, Roshda, and Darbhanga districts in Bihar by Manager of State Food Corporation and some dealers. Since the State Food Corporation comes under the purview of the State Government, Bihar Government was requested to investigate the matter and apprise the MP and the Department of Food & Public Distribution of the action taken in the matter.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)&(b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2019 DUE ANSWER ON 03-08-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATEMENT SHOWING STATEWISE DETAILS OF QUANTITIES OF FOODGRAINS ALLOTTED FOR BPL FAMILIES, LIFTING % DURING 2000-2001 (APRIL, 2000 TO MARCH, 2001).

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	Alloca- tion	Lifting tion	Lifting	Alloca- tion	Lifting tion	Lifting%
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1.Andhra Pradesh	1316.648	923.047	70.11	0.000	0.000	0.00
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2.Arunachal Pradesh	18.384	15.828	86.10	1.840	0.278	15.11
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3.Assam	457.428	374.143	81.79	0.000	0.000	0.00
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4.Bihar	750.840	131.445	17.51	1126.260	428.651	38.06
5.Chhattisgarh	99.228	76.400	76.99	28.428	2.555	8.99
6.Delhi	0.000	0.000	0.00	24.540	10.501	42.79
7Goa	6.230	1.483	23.80	2.874	0.361	12.56
8.Gujarat	343.526	113.962	33.17	565.287	284.423	50.31
9.Haryana	0.000	1.640	0.00	175.918	47.763	27.15
10.Himachal Pradesh	34.947	21.755	62.25	67.369	24.700	36.66
11.Jammu & Kashmir	112.800	64.649	57.31	35.520	5.993	64.73
12.Jharkhand	73.800	14.150	19.17	110.700	72.526	65.52
13.Karnataka	568.272	527.845	92.89	142.068	135.560	95.42
14.Kerala	365.144	417.011	114.20	0.000	0.000	0.00
15.Madhya Pradesh	468.496	278.330	59.41	665.612	277.928	41.76
16.Maharashtra	521.504	341.107	65.41	968.580	619.256	63.93
17.Manipur	31.214	18.670	59.81	0.000	0.000	0.00
18.Meghalaya	34.354	30.106	87.63	0.000	0.003	0.00
19.Mizoram	13.940	13.938	99.98	0.000	0.000	0.00
20.Nagaland	18.480	17.944	97.10	4.560	3.043	66.73
21.Orissa	949.922	659.580	69.44	102.300	0.000	0.00
22.Punjab	16.800	0.364	2.17	89.436	10.756	12.03
23.Rajasthan	23.595	1.141	4.84	850.575	321.592	37.81
24.Sikkim	8.916	5.875	65.89	0.000	0.000	0.00
25.Tamil Nadu	1121.664	1131.124	100.84	0.000	0.000	0.00
26.Tripura	55.450	53.567	96.60	0.000	0.000	0.00
27.Uttranchal	22.172	0.000	0.00	11.840	0.000	0.00
28.Uttar Pradesh	741.628	320.906	43.27	1537.660	887.713	57.73
29.West Bengal	676.064	305.853	45.24	577.496	493.111	85.39
30.A & N Islands	3.604	3.020	83.79	1.680	1.737	103.39
31.Chandigarh	0.480	0.000	0.00	3.838	0.000	0.00
32.D & N Haveli	2.899	2.078	71.68	0.725	0.364	50.20
33.Daman & Diu	0.532	0.211	39.65	0.268	0.014	5.22
34.Lakshadweep	0.000	0.000	0.00	0.000	0.000	0.00
35.Pondicherry	17.088	7.510	43.95	0.000	0.000	0.00
TOTAL	8876.049	5874.682	66.19	7095.374	3645.828	981.487

NB : Allocation figures include additional allocations made at BPL rates for calamity relief, etc.